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SUBJECT: HABITAT AUGUST PREPCOM: POSSIBLE ANTI-ISRAELI
MOVES

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1. DURING CALL ABOUT PLO STATUS IN GENEVA, ISRAELI EMBOFF
ALSO BROUGHT UP POSSIBILITY THAT ARAB MOVES TO EXCLUDE
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ISRAEL FROM VANCOUVER HABITAT CONFERENCE MIGHT BE TAKEN AT
AUGUST 25 PREPCOM MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT IN
WAKE OF RESOLUTIONS OF TEHRAN AND CAIRO REGIONAL HABITAT
MEETINGS CALLING FOR EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL, GOI IS CONCERNED

THAT PREPCOM WILL TAKE SIMILAR ACTION AND IS SOLICITING ASSURANCES ON VOTING AMONG THOSE 28 MEMBERS OF 55 NATION COMMITTEE WITH WHICH IT HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. ISRAEL IS NOT A MEMBER OF PREPCOM.

2. WHEN WE CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO SUBSEQUENT HABITAT REGIONAL REPORTS FROM GENEVA AND CARACAS, WHICH CALL FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES IN 1976 CONFERENCE, HE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. WE ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAD UNDERSTOOD SECRETARIAT HAD DECIDED THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION AT VANCOUVER WOULD NOT BE MATTER FOR THE PREPCOM BUT WAS FOR GA TO DECIDE. WE ASSURED HIM ISRAEL COULD COUNT ON SUPPORT OF US ON THIS, BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATION NOW ISSUE WOULD ARISE. WE ADDED THAT IF IT DID THERE WERE OFF-SETTING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SHOULD STRENGTHEN SECRETARIAT'S POSITION THAT ISSUE SHOULD BE DECIDED BY GA.

3. HABITAT SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM AUGUST 5 AND DISCUSSED ISRAELI EXCLUSION PROBLEM. PENALOSA NOTED THAT INVITATIONS TO HABITAT, STRICTLY SPEAKING, WOULD NORMALLY HAVE BEEN ON PREPCOM AGENDA AS RECOMMENDATION TO GA, BUT HE HAD DELETED IT BECAUSE OF ACTION AT CAIRO AND TEHRAN REGIONAL MEETINGS. QUESTION OF HABITAT PARTICIPATION WOULD NOW BE APPROVED BY GA, PROBABLY IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WOULD DO IF, NEVERTHELESS, ISSUE STILL RAISED AT PREPCOM, HE REPLIED HE THOUGHT THERE WERE TWO WAYS: (1) HE WOULD RULE PROCEDURALLY THAT PARTICIPATION WAS ONLY A QUESTION FOR GA, AND (2) IF STILL PRESSED, HE WOULD ADJOURN INTO INFORMAL MEETING TO LET ISSUE BE DISCUSSED ONLY FOR INFORMATION. PENALOSA IS VERY DESIROUS ISSUE NOT ARISE AT PREPCOM AND IS SEEKING EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION.

4. TURNING TO IMPLICATIONS OF CANADIAN DECISION NOT TO HOST CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE IN TORONTO FOR HABITAT, CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULED FOR VANCOUVER, PENALOSA FELT CANADIAN SITE FOR HABITAT NOW IN DOUBT. HE HOPES TO GO TO OTTAWA BEFORE PREPCOM SO THAT ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED AND THERE WILL BE NO LAST MINUTE CHANGES. HE FELT A CHANGE IN SITE WOULD DAMAGE HABITAT BUT IF IT HAD TO BE DONE THE SOONER THE BETTER.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS ISRAELI EXCLUSION FROM HABITAT QUESTION WITH FONMIN, DRAWING ON REFTELS WHICH GIE RESULTS OF ECE GENEVA AND ECLA CARACAS MEETINGS, POINTING OUT WE ARE HOPEFUL ISSUE WILL NOT BE PURSUED AT PREPCOM BUT THAT IF IT IS, WE WILL SUPPORT PENALOSA EFFORTS TO DEFLECT IT. DEPT INTERESTED IN GOI VIEWS OF POSSIBILITY

OF ISSUE ARISING AT PREPCOM AND HOW THEY VIEW EFFECTIVENESS
AND RESULTS OF THEIR DEMARCHES. WE DO NOT WISH TO GET
INTO A PRE-PREPCOM CAMPAIGN ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THIS
COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON LARGER UNGA SUSPENSION ISSUE
WHICH YOU MAY ASSURE ISRAELIS CONTINUES TO BE FOCUS OF OUR
SUPPORTIVE EFFORTS IN PERIOD PRECEDING NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE AT LIMA. IF ISRAELIS WISH TO TAKE FURTHER PRE-
CAUTIONARY MEASURES, THEY MIGHT BE WELL ADVISED TO CON-
SULT PENALOSA AND THEN SEEK OUT SELECTIVE AFRICANS AND
ASIANS WHO ARE ON PREPCOM AND WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE
SHOWN THEMSELVES RESISTENT TO ARAB EFFORTS AT TEHRAN
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